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1. ☐ The amendment filed on 29 January 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment to claim 1 is acceptable. However, the amendment to claims 10, 12, 24, and 28, are not acceptable. The claims remove the language "inhibits or inhibiting". While the claims provide substitution, they no longer recite any act or step of inhibiting. As understood by the examiner, the claim previously provide one act of inhibiting and one act of "instead of inhibiting" which was understood as no inhibiting. The newly amended claims would provide no act of inhibiting at all. Because this amendment would require further consideration and search, the amendment to claims 10, 12, 14, and 28, will not be entered.


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